

HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES  
APRIL 12, 2001

The meeting opened at 10:05am in the New Hampshire Room of the North Hampton Library. Present were: Barbara Hobby, Jenifer Landman, Jane Palmer, Robert Southworth, Anna Pike, Howard Smith, and Pam Schwotzer.

Welcome to Howard Smith, our new commissioner-designate. Howard's appointment will be confirmed by the Planning Board at its next (May) meeting.

Copies of our brochures still need to be distributed to 28 people whose homes are listed in the walking tour.

Jane Palmer reported on Monday's Selectman's meeting: the Heritage Commission will be involved with other town committees when historic or cultural properties are involved. She presented a Chapel Rd. property for consideration, and it was decided that there were no Heritage issues involved in this case. The Building Inspector will keep us informed of future cases.

Anna mentioned that the Post Rd. monument (in the brochure) was recently damaged in an auto accident. The Town will take care of its repair.

Criteria was discussed for historic house certificates. We will consider properties in their entirety, i.e. all property and buildings, that are well-maintained and where renovations, if any, are in keeping with the original architectural style and period. We will not restrict our consideration to the use of original materials, i.e., clapboards vs siding. We especially want to consider homes not in the brochure. Exact wording for the certificates will be decided later. For the next meeting we will each bring in 12 or so suggestions to create a master list of homes to consider.

Jenifer presented information on the proposed communications tower on Walnut Avenue, and a draft of a proposed letter to be sent from the Heritage Commission to the builder. It was approved by all present and will be sent under Jane Palmer's signature.

Pam presented information on the Preservation Alliance awards. Our brochure could qualify as a project for judging, but the deadline is April 16. Howard offered to pull the necessary information together.

Jenifer will speak at Rotary on May 8 about the brochure, which they helped fund.

Next meeting: May 10, 9am. (Note time change.) The meeting was adjourned at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Schwotzer, Sec'y.